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November 16, 2018

Mr. Joshua Mahoney  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Mr. Mahoney,

The Associated Builders and Contractors Central California Chapter supports the partnership between E&B Natural Resources and Sherwood Hills for the Famoso Hills Ranch Water Project.

Our Chapter runs a workforce development training center in Kern County California. This project is valuable to the valley by bringing new permanent, temporary, and seasonal jobs to our local skilled craft professionals.

The project provides a new source of irrigation water to reduce the demand for groundwater and surface water within the project area. The excess water, provided by E&B, is designated to irrigate 4,400 acres of permanent crops.

As Kern County is one of the highest-valued agricultural counties in the U.S., this innovative project is highly needed. As a result, it will also bring new tax revenue.

The Associated Builders and Contractors Central California Chapter fully supports this project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Russell Johnson  
Director of Government Affairs  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
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